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PART 352--TREATMENT OF RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED PLANTS
OR PLANT PRODUCTS TEMPORARILY IN THE UNITED STATES

MODIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS--SHIPMENT OF MEXICAN
ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT IN BOND THROUGH THE UNITED STATES

Subparagraph 352.9(a)(4) of the administrative instructions issued under the order and supplemental regulations on Treatment of Restricted or Prohibited Plants or Plant Products Temporarily in the United States (7 CFR 1943 Supp. 352.9(a)(4)), pursuant to the Plant Quarantine Act of 1912, as amended (7 U.S.C. 151) limits the entry, via ports on the Mexican border, of oranges originating in Mexican States other than Sonora, for immediate transportation and exportation in bond or for immediate export, to the period from October 1 to March 15, inclusive. This period is insufficient in which to complete the orderly exportation to Canada of this season's crop of Mexican oranges.

It has been determined that seasonal conditions are such in the United States that the expiration date of this prescribed period may be extended for the present shipping season only, without risk to the plant cultures of this country. Accordingly, subparagraph 352.9(a)(4) of the administrative instructions entitled "Administrative instructions; oranges and grapefruit from Mexico in transit to foreign countries via the United States" is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Entry via ports on the Mexican border.

(4) Period of Entry. The entry of oranges and grapefruit from Sonora is authorized throughout the entire year. Oranges originating in other Mexican States may enter from October 1 to March 15, inclusive, provided that during the 1947-48 shipping season such period shall be from October 1, 1947 to April 30, 1948, inclusive.

This amendment shall be effective March 16, 1948.

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The foregoing amendment extends for the current shipping season, the time within which oranges may enter the United States in transit from Mexico to foreign countries. This extension of time does not involve any risks to the plant cultures of the United States through introduction of plant diseases or insect pests, and the extension is made necessary by the fact that climatic and other conditions in Mexico prevented the exportation of oranges from that country for shipment through the United States to other foreign countries during the period presently prescribed by section 352.9(a)(4). This period ends March 15, 1948 and it is necessary to make the foregoing amendment extending such period effective on March 16, 1948 in order to prevent unnecessary burdens upon foreign commerce. Accordingly, it is found, upon good cause, that notice and hearing under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act on the adoption of the amendment are unnecessary, impracticable, and contrary to the public interest.

Since the amendment relieves restrictions, it is within the exception in section 4(c) of the Administrative Procedure Act and may properly be made effective less than 30 days after its publication in the Federal Register.

(37 Stat. 315, as amended, 7 U. S. C. 151; 7 CFR 352.1 through 352.8)

Done at Washington, D. C., this 16th day of March, 1948.

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